



PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY HARBOR COMMISSION

A meeting was held on **Monday, January 9, 2012**
at the Clarion Hotel, 200 Main St., Green Bay, WI

1) The meeting was officially called to order by President McKloskey at 11:30am.

2) Roll Call:

Present: President Neil McKloskey
Commissioner Ron Antonneau
Commissioner Bill Martens
Commissioner Hank Wallace
Commissioner Bernie Erickson
Commissioner Tom Klimek

Excused: Commissioner Craig Dickman
Commissioner John Hanitz

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County Port & Solid Waste
Mark Walter, Brown County Port & Solid Waste

3) Approval/Modification – *Meeting Agenda*

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by Bill Martens. Unanimously approved.

4) Approval/Modification – November 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the November 14, 2011 meeting minutes was made by Tom Klimek and seconded by Hank Wallace. Unanimously approved.

5) Budget Adjustment – *Request for Approval*

Brown County Finance has requested this adjustment be run through the Port. The adjustment is for cameras at Fox River Dock for their own use. The Port is assisting Fox River Dock by securing the Port Security Grant dollars to meet Fox River Dock's port security needs. **A motion to approve the budget adjustment was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Tom Klimek.** Unanimously approved.

6) Budget Carryover – *Request for Approval*

There was \$250,000 in outstanding grant funds unused in 2011 for Renard Island. The grant goes through April 2012; therefore we need to do a budget adjustment so that the money will be accessible for winter work in 2012. This is a budget adjustment. **A motion to approve the budget adjustment was made by Neil McKloskey and seconded by Tom Klimek.** Unanimously approved.

7) Cat Island Chain Restoration Project – Update

A copy of the letter signed by County Executive Streckenbach and President McKloskey to pursue the Cat Island Chain Restoration independently of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) was reviewed. This letter was sent on December 16, 2011.

Since then we received feedback from the USACE prior to mailing the letter indicating the USACE had \$6M for a total of \$12M GLRI money. Haen stated he informed the USACE that they would be receiving a letter regarding Brown County doing the project independently of the USACE. Last week, the USACE called again stating the Cat Island Chain Restoration Project will be in the President's proposed budget. No dollar amounts were discussed. With this new information it seems appropriate a meeting be set up with USACE-Detroit District to discuss how this affects the project. On January 24, 2012, Executive Streckenbach, Neil McKloskey and Dean Haen will be traveling to Detroit to meet with the Lt. Colonel and his staff. Discussion ensued on items and/or scenarios to be discussed with the USACE. Information from the meeting in Detroit will be shared with the Harbor Commission.

8) Bay Port Dredge Material Management & Renard Island Closure Work – Update

Due to the warm weather, not much work has been done at Bay Port and Renard Island. It is anticipated that work will begin again late this week with the lower temperatures. Discussion also took place with Peters regarding additional funding; approximately \$250,000 had been reserved for staffing needs in the original budget \$240,000 of which will be transferred for contractor costs.

9) 1445 Bylsby – Update

A summary of the work performed to date by Great Lakes Calcium was included in the agenda packet. The building is razed and they have enclosed one wall of the loading rack area allowing the building to be used for equipment storage. All work was completed within budget.

Haen reported on the wetland fill permit application. The USACE has reported that they do not have jurisdiction over Bylsby and as a result Brown County has resubmitted a wetland fill permit application to the WDNR. A response should be received from the WDNR within 60 to 90 days. Discussion ensued on the layout of the property. Brown County has two leases with Great Lakes Calcium; 1) the 2-acre flat surface area was leased five years ago, and; 2) the front area, where the recently-completed work has been done by Great Lakes Calcium in the amount of \$100,000, is leased to them for payment in lieu of services. Lease payments on this parcel will not start for approximately seven years. The term of both leases expire at the same time.

The question was raised as to whether Brown County is receiving rent from City of Green Bay for the cell tower. Dean indicated that the tower is actually on the Bay Port property. Staff has been communicating with Brown County Corporation Counsel. The Commission suggested that Executive Streckenbach and Commissioner Bernie Erickson be made aware of the situation in order to set this in motion. The Commission directed President McKloskey to draft a letter on this issue, signed by President McKloskey and sent to Brown County Corporation Counsel. This item will be put on agenda for next month.

10) Director's Report

- A timeline of activities for the 2012 public relations effort was included in the packet.
- Foth & Van Dyke continues to work on the beneficial reuse and have successfully navigated the elements - arsenic, iron and chromium. The chromium issue has been resolved because Foth determined that it was trivalent chromium which is water soluble and could not be in dredge material. The arsenic is naturally occurring so the Port should have case with the WDNR on the establishment of a higher standard for this element. Iron is also a problem element and may result in some dredge material not available for beneficial reuse. Staff is anticipating that within the next month or two the dredge material will be approved for a variety of state-approved uses and staff will share this information with WDOT and it's contractors for possible beneficial reuse in the reconstruction of the Highway 41 project.
- A Port & Solid Waste intern has been hired from UWGB. The undergraduate student is doing background work on dredge material management and beneficial reuse. Upon graduation the same student will continue to work on a dredge material management plan which he will use for his graduate thesis.
- ENCAP had a disappointing year in 2011. ENCAP was researching the ability to commercially bag dredge material as a soil amendment product. Staff is optimistic that ENCAP will reinstate this effort in 2012. Dr. John Katers, UWGB professor and the Solid Waste Board Chair, is involved with ENCAP and will provide updates.

11) Audit of Bills – Request for Approval

A motion was made to approve the bills was made by Bill Martens and seconded by Hank Wallace. Unanimously approved.

12) Tonnage Report

A tonnage report was distributed at the meeting, however will be amended as a ship is bringing in liquid asphalt today and this tonnage will be added to the report. A discussion ensued on the year-end tonnage totals. A press release on the 2011 shipping season will be released next week.

13) Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law

- President McKloskey commented on the passing of Commissioner John Gower. McKloskey requested an article be included in the Port n' News newsletter acknowledging Mr. Gower's time and commitment to the Harbor Commission.
- Commission asked about filling the Port and Solid Waste Director position. Staff noted an article in the Green Bay Press-Gazette indicating the County Executive's interest in filling department head positions and future department mergers. In the meantime, all department staff continue working hard.
- Commissioners were given mileage reimbursement forms to complete for 2011 if desired. Forms are due by January 15, 2012.

14) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Bernie Erickson in honor of Commissioner John Gower. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.